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SUMMARY: CONCOMITANT WITH GROWING AWARENESS FO THE THREAT THAT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND DRUG ABUSE REPRESENTS FOR PERU, THE GOP IS BEGINNING TO DEVELOP AN INTERNAL CAPACITY FOR TRAINING IN NARCOTICS-RELATED MATTERS. THE INCIPIENT PERUVIAN NARCOTICS TRAINING EFFORT HAS BEEN GREATLY AIDED AND ENCOURAGED BY DEA AND U.S. CUSTOMS COOPERATION. POLICE TRAINING NOW BEING DONE IN PERU, HOWEVER, IS STILL UNSPECIALIZED AND SPECIFIC NARCOTICS TRAINING COURSES ARE STILL IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN RESPONSE TO LETTER-IDENTIFIED QUESTIONS IN PARA 5 REFTEL FOLLOW: (A) AND (B) THE PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIONS POLICE (PIP) OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC (DINTID) IS THE ONLY AGENCY DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE GOP. PIP OFFICERS ARE ROUTINELY ASSIGNED TO A ROTATIONAL TOUR IN DINTID, WHERE THEY RECEIVE GENERALIZED IN-HOUSE TRAINING FOR THEIR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. EXPERTISE IN NARCOTICS-RELATED MATTERS, HOWEVER, ID DERIVED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FROM PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE. SIXTY PERUVIAN CUSTOMS AGENTS RECENTLY COMPLETED A TWO-WEEK TRAINING COURSE IN NARCOTICS DETECTION AND INTERDICTION METHODS PROVIDED BY US CUSTOMS. TEN OF THE

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MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENTS SUBSEQUENTLY UNDERWENT SPECIALIZED

LEADERSHIP TRAINING LASTING ONE WEEK. FOR BUDGETARY REASONS, THE CUSTOMS SCHOOL HAS NOT YET INSTITUTED ANY KIND OF SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS TRAINING TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS NEWLY-ACQUIRED EXPERTISE. THE SCHOOL DOES PLAN TO INCLUDE A COURSE ON NARCOTICS INTERDICTION IN THE PROGRAM WHICH BEGINS IN JANUARY 1977, AFTER THE RETURN OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS FROM A DEA-SPONSORED VISIT TO THE U.S., AND WHEN FINANCING WILL BE AVAILABLE UNDER THE 1977 BUDGET. THE UNIFORMED POLICE (GUARDIA CIVIL) PROVIDES NO NARCOTICS TRAINING PER SE TO ITS MEMBERS, ALTHOUGH THEY DO HAVE A DOG TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH IS ATTEMPTING TO TRANSFORM SOME 20 POLICE GUARD DOGS INTO NARCOTICS DETECTORS.

2. (C) AND (D)-- THE PIP, GUARDIA CIVIL, GUARDIA REPUBLICANA (BORDER POLICE) AND THE PERUVIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE ALL SUPPORT TRAINING ACADEMIES OR FACILITIES. THE PIP ACADEMY OFFERS FOUR YEARS OF GENERAL POLICE TRAINING FOR OFFICER-CANDIDATES, SOME OF WHOM HAVE RECEIVED SPECIALIZED DEA TRAINING IN THE U.S. OR IN LIMA. THE ACADEMY AT PRESENT HAS NO RESOURCES FOR SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS TRAINING. THE GUARDIA CIVIL ALSO OFFERS FOUR YEARS OF PARA-MILITARY OFFICER CANDIDATE INSTRUCTION. FOUR INSTRUCTORS FROM THIS ACADEMY RECENTLY COMPLETED A DEA INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE IN WASHINGTON, AND THE ACADEMY HAS MADE AN OFFICIAL COMMITMENT TO THE EMBASSY TO ORGANIZE AN INSTRUCTIONAL UNIT DEALING SPECIFICALLY WITH ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC. THE GUARDIA CIVIL HAS ALSO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FROM DEA, INCLUDING FOUR REGIONAL NARCOTICS LABORATORIES.

3. (E)-SEE LIMA A-110 OF JULY 27, 1976, NARCOTICS CONTROL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM, TABLE IV FOR NARCOTICS TRAINING PROVIDED BY USG. WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF NARCOTICS TRAINING HAVING BEEN PROVIDED BY UN OR OTHER AGENCIES.

4. (F)--FOR MEASURABLE RESULTS OF NARCOTICS TRAINING AND COOPERATION PROVIDED BY U.S. SEE LIMA A-110 PAGE 6 ON ARRESTS, SEIZURES AND LABS DESTROYED DURING THE PERIOD 1974-1976 INCLUSIVE.

5. (G) GIVEN THE PRESENT GOP CONCERN OVER ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC, AND INCREASING GOP COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS INTERDICTION AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENFORCEMENT TRAINING EFFORTS BOTH IN PERU AND IN THE U.S., IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT A NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM OF THE TYPE ENVISIONED IN REFTTEL. (H)-- IN THE PAST, TRAINING PROVIDED BY DEA AND U.S. CUSTOMS REACHED A RELATIVELY FEW SELECTED CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVED THEIR TRAINING IN THE U.S. OR AT ONE OF THE VARIOUS IN-COUNTRY SCHOOLS PROVIDED BY TRAINING TEAMS. BOTH DEA AND CUSTOMS SHOULD PLACE A GREATER EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING INSTRUCTOR

DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR SELECTED CANDIDATES WHO IN TURN CULD RETURN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND BEGIN INSTITUTING FORMAL NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING IN THEIR OWN TRAINING CENTERS. IN LINE WITH THE FOREGOING, BOTH DEA AND U.S. CUSTOMS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FIELD A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO TRAVEL TO HOST COUNTRIES FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF LENDING EXPERTISE AND GUIDANCE IN ESTABLISHING A NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE HOST COUNTRY POLICE TRAINING ACADEMIES. (I)-SINCE PERU'S PRESENT CAPABILITY FOR INTERNAL NARCOTICS CONTROL TRAINING IS AT BEST INCIPIENT, IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THAT PERU COULD BECOME IN THE NEAR TERM A CENTER FOR REGIONAL NARCOTICS TRAINING.
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